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This application is a CON of 09/757,783 01/10/2001 * which is a DIV of 09/302,215 04/29/1999 PAT 6,226,854 which claims benefit of 60/083,578 04/30/1998 (*)Data provided by applicant is not consistent with PTO records.

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Method of installing a fastener

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The Filing Receipt indicates that the data provided by the Applicant is not consistent with the Patent and Trademark Office records; however, this is not understood. This application is a continuation of Serial No. 09/757,783 filed on January 10, 2001, which application was a division of Serial No. 09/302,215 filed on April 29, 1999, which claimed benefit of Provisional Application Serial No. 60/083,578 filed on April 30, 1998. Serial No. 09/757,783 was abandoned on July 28, 2003 for failure to respond to a Patent and Trademark Office Action dated April 28, 2003 *subsequent* to the filing date of this application on July 25, 2003 and thus properly claims domestic priority. If this data is inaccurate or incomplete according to the Patent and Trademark Office records, clarification is requested so that the Applicant can make appropriate corrections.

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